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SUB: 61ST ECOSOC: GENERAL DEBATE

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1. THE GENERAL DEBATE FOR THIS SESSION HAS ALMOST  
CONCLUDED WITH ONLY A HANDFULL OF SPEAKERS REMAINING  
FOR THE FINAL TWO SESSIONS (JULY 9). ALMOST ALL  
MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE MAJOR UN AGENCIES HAVE PARTICI-  
PATED IN THE DEBATE. FOR THE MOST PART, STATEMENTS  
WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD PRESENTATIONS OF KNOWN NATIONAL  
POSTIIONS. NO NEW INITIATIVES WERE ADVANCED AND FEW  
IF ANY SPEAKERS ATTEMPTED EVEN TO DISCUSS RECENT EVENTS  
SUCH AS UNCTAD IV IN ANY DETAIL. THE ONLY POLITICAL  
ISSUES TO SURFACE INVOLVED THE UGANDA/ISRAELI EXCHANGE  
ON THE ENTEBBE AFFAIR (REPORTED SEPTTEL) AND A VERY  
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MINOR FRENCH-COMORROS EXCHANGE.

2. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE GENERAL TONE OF COMMENTS  
ON SOME SPECIFIC ISSUES:

A. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS): ALMOST  
ALL SPEAKERS REFERRED TO THE SHORTFALL IN REALIZING THE  
IDS TARGETS; HOWEVER, NO ONE SUGGESTED A REFORMULATION  
OF THE EXISTING STRATEGY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE PRESENT DECADE.  
SEVERAL COUNTRIES (WEOS, YUGOSLAVIA, AND  
ONE OR TWO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) IN FACT SUGGESTED THAT  
THE PRESENT TARGETS BE SIMPLY REAFFIRMED AND THE MAJOR  
EFFORT SHOULD BE TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY FOR THE THIRD  
DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

B. INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK: ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES  
MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO OUR PROPOSED IRB. AS REPORTED  
SEPTEL, THE YUGOSLAV STATEMENT CONTAINED A VAGUE ENDORSE-  
MENT. THE NIGERIAN REP REITERATED HIS COUNTRY'S OPPOSI-  
TION TO THE PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT DEVELOPING WORLD  
WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER IT UNTIL THE US HAD  
SHOWN ITS GOOD FAITH BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE COMMON FUND.  
COLOMBIA COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE CONCEPT OF THE IRB  
BUT SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE SCHEME.

C. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: SEVERAL DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET BLOC CONTINUED THEIR PREOCCUPA-  
TION WITH THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS  
AND CALLED FOR BINDING CODE OF CONDUCT TO REGULATE THEM.  
THERE WERE VERY FEW COMMENTS REGARDING THE US PROPOSED  
AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND THESE ONLY IN PASSING.

D. INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM: THIS REMAINED THE  
TOUCH-STONE OF ALMOST ALL G-77 SPEECHES WITH THE COMMON  
FUND SEEN AS THE CRITICAL ELEMENT. WEOS REPS EMPHASIZED  
THE PROGRESS MADE AT UNCTAD IV BUT THIS WAS CLEARLY NOT  
SUFFICIENT IN THE EYES OF THE G-77.

3. COMING SO SOON AFTER THE UNCTAD IV, IT IS ONLY TO  
BE EXPECTED THAT COUNTRIES REALLY HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY.  
WEOS STRUCK THE THEME OF CONTINUING PROGRESS IN IMPLE-  
MENTING RESOLUTION OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, THE  
G-77 DECRIED THE FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND THE SOVIET BLOCK  
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CONTINUED ITS EMPHASIS ON PEACE AND DETENTE.  
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